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New Trade Agreement With Japan

London, Nov. 21.—The Board of Trade announced today the completion of a new trade agreement between the British Commonwealth and Japan, calling for exchange of goods valued at nearly US\$300,000,000.

The actual signing is to take place in Tokyo at 7.00 a.m. GMT. The agreement, which covers the year ending next June 30, was reached between representatives of both the sterling area and General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.

The new trade agreement replaces one which covered the year ending last July 1. In addition to Britain and her colonies (excluding Hongkong), Australia, India, New Zealand, and South Africa will participate.

JAPAN'S PURCHASES
The Board of Trade estimated that new purchases by Japan from the participating countries in the 12 months ending next July would total approximately £55,000,000.

The British Commonwealth countries will take in an estimated £45,400,000 worth of new purchases from Japan.

The sterling area countries will buy a wide range of Japanese manufactured goods, including textiles, machinery, tinneled fish, lumber, metals, electrical products and chemicals.

Japan will take cereals, cotton, wool, iron ore, rubber, salt, petroleum, hides and skins and tanning materials.—Associated Press.

CONSCRIPTION CHANGES

London, Nov. 21.—Cabinet Ministers today conferred on changes in the structure of the defence system which may involve an extension of compulsory service from 18 months to two years.

A section of the Government is believed to favour such an extension coupled with a reduction in the annual intake of 300,000 men to enable industry to increase its manpower.

The Cabinet Defence Committee is working on a report prepared by the Services Chiefs of Staff, and at achieving economies without reducing the efficiency of the armed forces.—Reuter.

Auriol To Pay State Visit

Paris, Nov. 21.—It was officially announced here tonight that the French President, M. Vincent Auriol, will pay a state visit to the King and Queen of England in March next year.—Reuter.

U.S. ASKS HELP OF 30 NATIONS TO FREE ANGUS WARD



MR ANGUS WARD

Unprecedented Step Taken By Acheson

WASHINGTON, NOV. 21.—THE UNITED STATES TODAY ASKED 30 NATIONS—INCLUDING SOVIET RUSSIA—TO JOIN IN BRINGING PRESSURE ON THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO FREE THE AMERICAN CONSUL-GENERAL, MR ANGUS WARD, AND HIS STAFF FROM A MUKDEN GAOL.

An unprecedented personal appeal for urgent concerted action was sent out by the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, over the week-end to the Foreign Minister of every country with representatives in China.

The new step, announced by the State Department, was taken amid a mounting outcry for the use of force if necessary to free the Consul officials, who were gaoled four weeks ago on charges which the United States has denounced as "trumped up."

Officials said Mr Acheson's personal appeal was without diplomatic precedent. It went out on Friday night, a few hours after President Truman called the treatment of Mr Ward an outrage.

Mr Acheson's move posed a direct test of the attitude of the new Chinese Red regime, may have instigated the Soviet bloc countries to which his message was dispatched.

Some diplomatic officials voiced the suspicion previously that Russia, as the principal backer of the new Chinese Red regime, may have instigated the Ward incident as a blow to American prestige.

MATTER OF URGENCY
"As a matter of urgency," Mr Acheson asked each Foreign Minister to "express to the highest Chinese in Peking through such channels as may be available to you the concern which your government undoubtedly feels" over the treatment of Mr Ward.

Mr Acheson declared the Communists' action is "in direct violation of the basic concepts of international relations which have been developed throughout the centuries."

Although Consuls do not enjoy diplomatic immunity like Ambassadors and Ministers, Mr Acheson noted it has been "universal practice" to accord them freedom of movement to let them communicate with their governments and to grant them the benefit of their being charged with criminal offences.

Consuls are charged largely with looking after trade, shipping and immigration matters.

HOUSE ARREST
Mr Ward and his aides, Mr Acheson said, have actually been deprived of their freedom for an entire year. They were put under house arrest last November when the Communists captured the Manchurian capital, and have not been permitted to leave although the Consulate was formally declared closed last May 19.

Mr Acheson turned to the international appeal after the Communist authorities at Peking ignored direct U.S. protests and requests for information.

The State Department said today there has still been no acknowledgment from the Communist press and radio, is that Mr Ward and the four others were accused of beating a Chinese employee who asked for back pay for his services.

DEMANDS FOR FORCE

Other staff members have been permitted to send food and clothing to those in gaol, but have been denied interviews, and their official dispatches giving the American version of the episode have been intercepted.

Demand that the U.S. use force if necessary to free Mr Ward have been voiced by the American Legion's National Commander, George N. Craig, and by Senator William Knowland, California Republican.

There has been no hint, however, that these proposals have received serious consideration at the State Department.

Although the U.S. has a task fleet in the Western Pacific which could enforce a blockade against Communist-held ports, both Mukden and Peking are far inland.

Apart from other possible effects, the new American move might serve to rally sentiment against the admission of Communist China into the United Nations. This is expected to come up as an urgent issue, possibly in January. By then prospects are that a number of Western nations may have joined the Soviet bloc in extending diplomatic recognition to the Peking Communist regime and thus create strong support for ousting the Nationalists in favour of the Communists as the U.N. member for China.

ACHESON'S NOTE
Mr Acheson had the choice of a direct appeal to the foreign governments, or of asking help of the United Nations. Officials said the direct appeal was chosen because it promised faster action.

In his communication to other governments, Mr Acheson recalled the circumstances leading up to the arrest of Mr Ward. The Secretary of state then told the other governments:

"The international practice of civilized countries for many years has recognized that Consuls should be accorded that status."

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"Old Cocks" Run



One hundred and thirty-six "old cocks," cars built before 1905, recently had their annual London to Brighton run to celebrate the abolition of the law which compelled all motor vehicles to be preceded by a man with a red flag. Mr Arthur Prince is seen driving a 1903 Panhard-Levassor 7 hp. French car past the Houses of Parliament.

Oil Patches In Fjord May Mark Scene Of Crash

Oslo, Nov. 21.—Experts think that oil patches found in Oslo Fjord today may mark the wreck of the missing Dutch Dakota with 29 Jewish children and six adults on board. A search plane saw the oil on the water and directed boats to the spot where oil was found bubbling to the surface.

Divers will be sent down to investigate. Few people live in the wild area around this part of the Fjord, and the plane may have crashed straight to the bottom without being seen.

The planes of four nations continued their search today in mist and bad weather. A Swedish fighter squadron and Norwegian, Danish and Dutch aircraft were scouring the wild uninhabited coastal areas of Southern Scandinavia, flying in visual contact with the ground.

SIGNAL PARACHUTE
Two Mitchell bombers of the Dutch Naval Air Service, which followed the southern leg of the route taken by the missing Dakota this afternoon, returned without finding any trace of it.

Bad weather grounded two more Mitchell bombers which were to have joined the search later.

Troops, police, militia and hundreds of Red Cross men and women—some with "walkie-talkie" radios—were out in Southern Norway, in Oslo message stated.

Ships, including lifeboats, were also taking part. Meanwhile, Oslo Radio gave regular bulletins on the proceedings as the search gradually intensified.

Hopes had been raised several times and then faded. An explosion, possibly from a crashing plane, sent searchers into hilly districts outside Oslo early today.

FROM MOROCCO

Others were still trying to reach a wooded ridge 30 miles from the city after seeing a light in the area.

Aircraft experts were also examining a signal light parachute found in that vicinity this morning. It was confirmed that the Dakota had such a signal on board.

The children, who came from Morocco, were flying to Norway on an eight-month holiday.

Poland Forces U.N. Action On China

New York, Nov. 21.—Poland announced today that she will formally support the Chinese Communist efforts to unseat the Chinese Nationalist delegation to the United Nations.

The Polish delegation demanded that the U.N. Secretariat circulate a letter received last week from the Mao Tse-tung regime at Peking declaring that the Nationalist delegation no longer had a right to speak for China.

The U.N. Secretariat had refused to act on the communication on the ground that the Chinese Reds had not been recognised by the U.N. as a government.

The Polish move opened the way for U.N. action, since the Polish Government took on the sponsorship of the communication as its own document.

The letter from the Polish delegation, headed by U.N. Secretary-General, Mr Trygve Lie, was signed by Stefan Wierzbowski, chief of the delegation.

The Poles called attention in their letter to their declarations in the U.N. on the Chinese situation. They have recognised the Communist regime along with other members of the Slav bloc.—Associated Press.

Strike As Dismantling Protest

Brunswick, Nov. 21.—The Trade Union Federation in Brunswick has ordered nearly 20,000 German workers at the former Hermann Goering iron and steel works at Watenstedt Salzgitter, near Brunswick, to strike tomorrow afternoon in protest against the dismantling of plant.

The strike will last until Wednesday morning. The Hermann Goering works have been omitted from the dismantling list now being reviewed by the three Allied High Commissioners and the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, at Bonn.

Dr Adenauer has told the works management that he is doing his utmost to save the plant.

It is expected that other workers in the city, including municipal employees, will also strike tomorrow in sympathy with the steelworkers.—Reuter.

Italy Made Trustee For Somaliland

Flushing Meadow, Nov. 21.—The United Nations General Assembly voted today to put Somaliland under Italian trusteeship for 19 years. The Assembly also voted to set up a special Commission to study the future of the former Italian colony of Eritrea.

Soviet Russia today accused Italy of preparing a fully armed division, including 900 airmen, for shipment to her former colony in Somaliland.

Attacking the proposal to give Italy a 10-year trusteeship over the territory, the Soviet delegate, M. Annazap Artunjanin, said that these troops were called "gendarmes" but that they were police who did they need an air force.

He said that the "parcelling out" of Italy's former colonies, recommended by the Political Committee, was in the interests of the colonial powers.

Most people in Italian Somaliland were violently opposed to Italian trusteeship, he added. The Political Committee proposals include independence for Italian Somaliland after the trusteeship period and independence for a united Libya not later than January 1, 1952.

The French delegate, M. Couve de Murville, called the

EDITORIAL

The Postwar Navy

IN considering the size of Britain's postwar Navy, many people are apt to think of it only in terms of the actual seagoing fleets. This is making a serious mistake. Although the number of Britain's active warships is admittedly smaller than at the start of World War Two, behind them, however, are the great resources of the reserve fleet, in which are large numbers of ships standing by for duty when required. The reduction in the number of ships on active duty has been due to two main reasons: first, the temporary shortage of trained manpower and, second, the need, common to almost every country in the world today, of stringent economy. Nowadays a warship costs many times more to operate than ten years ago. When their immense commitments are considered—commitments which include such "mercy trips" as that recently undertaken by the cruiser, Belfast, to rescue over two hundred men, women and children from a Chinese ship stranded on a coral reef near Pratas Island—the operational fleets may be thought to be small. But it must be remembered that there are behind them the many ships in the reserve. This "fleet behind the fleet" does not court publicity. From time to time, there is a report that such and such a warship is "going into reserve after being refitted."

Then it drops out of the news, later to reappear unexpectedly at some home or overseas station. In actual fact, there are in reserve, or in the process of reducing to reserve, some four hundred ships of all categories, more than ninety percent of which having been built since the outbreak of the last war. Among them are four battleships of 35,000 tons—Duke of York, King George V, Anson and Howe. There are eight cruisers, four aircraft carriers, about sixty destroyers and over thirty frigates, whose primary duties are escorting convoys and hunting enemy submarines. There are eighty minesweepers of various types and a host of other fighting ships. Large numbers of these units are in a high state of readiness, and, given crews, could be at sea again in a matter of weeks. This applies particularly to the smaller ships, so important for countless duties. More than two hundred of these ships have been thoroughly refitted since the end of the war. Thus it will be seen that people are badly mistaken when they think that Britain's reserve fleet consists of old ships which have had their day and are now lying forgotten in rivers and backwaters. Actually, the reserve fleet is the Royal Navy's number two priority, second only to the provision of trained men.

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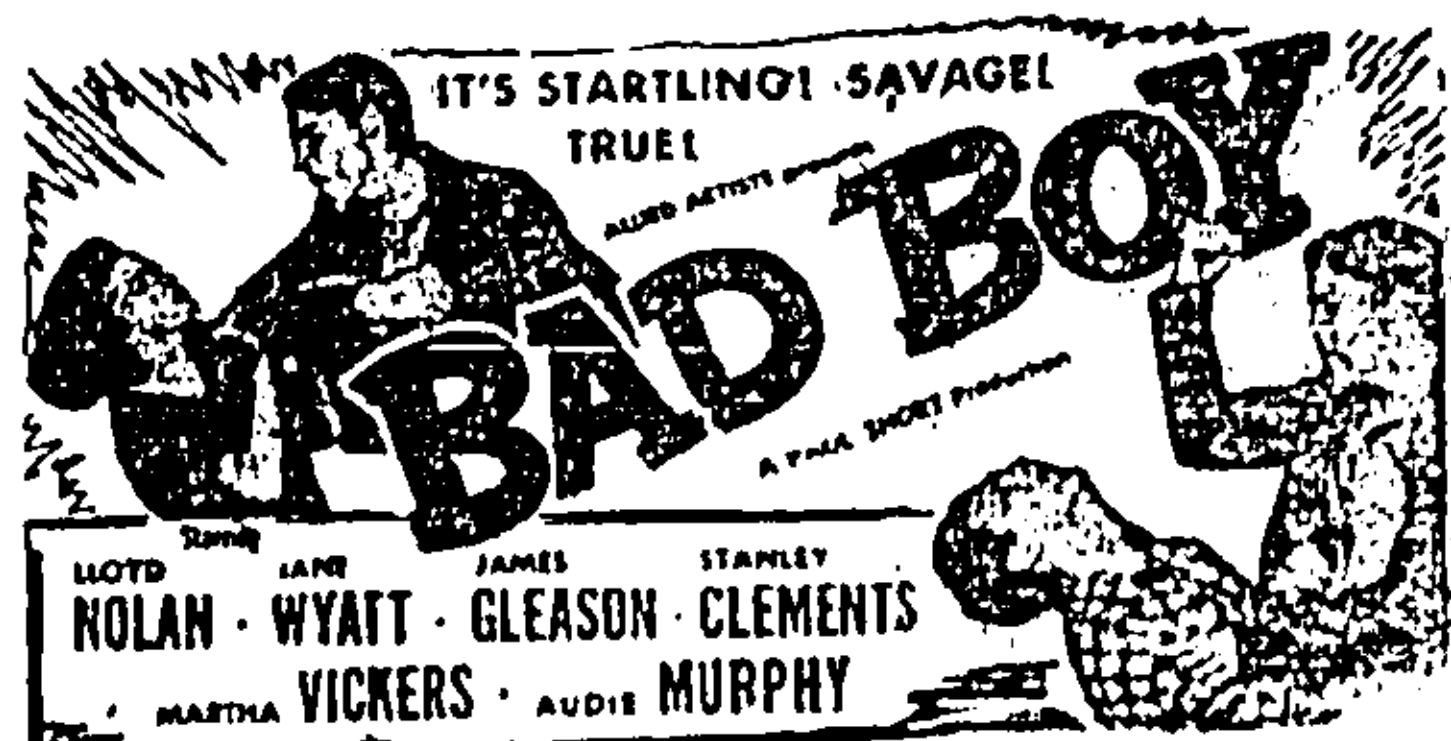
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Individuality In Choice Of Clothes

By BARBARA BUNDSCHU NEW YORK

THE well dressed woman this autumn and winter will pick her clothes by personal preference rather than fashion dictat, individualise them with a light touch, and wear them like a lady.

Only something devilish in the show for a season when designers are turning up their noses at neckline peek-a-boo came of the clips under filmy evening dresses which were, all above, the knee to let a filmy come-hither to the left side of the left leg.

Outstandingly wearable were short black dinner dresses with shoulder-baring boat necklines, short or push-up sleeves and the comfortable ability to look dress-up without feeling formal.

One, in black crepe, had a softly gathered neckline and full skirt below hip flares. A flare-skirted black velvet trimmed its wide oval neckline with a double strand of baroque pearls scented about an inch in from the edge and permitted to dangle like an honest necklace at front.

At Your Choice

Other individualities offered the discriminating women who know which ones are best for them included:

A handsome brown wool dolman coat collar and cuffs with brown seal and held to the body at the back with a belt which showed briefly outside and buttoned snugly around the waist inside the coat.

A sheer printed wool blouse bound to match the green suit with which it was shown.

A huge, square black knit shawl, with trim balls at its four corners, worn with an ankle length black velvet skirt and a tuck front blouse of gold lame.

Black braid sewed onto the edges of collars, cuffs and hem of a black crepe dress to look like old-fashioned taffeta.

An evening dress whose bodice was cut like a standard tailored slip, right down to beaded trimmings where the strap adjustments should be.

A black chiffon evening dress with an ermine rope twisted between the folds of its wide neckline.

A strapless purple "corset" embroidered with black braid and a bit of jet shown with a short, slim black skirt. Unlaid Press.

EVERY day in every way,

they are getting better and better—those handsome fabric gloves that manufacturers are so superbly—Designer Dawnelle combines the pretty and the practical in his charming glove which comes in all sorts of attractive colours. This one is a casual shortie done with imported silver or gold lame, head mixed with black wool. The reversible cardigan which has been featured in contrasting colours is reportedly still popular.

Raymond Horschler, who works with the couturier, concentrates on the classic type given individuality by smart details. One of his best sellers is the sweater front sewn into a cardigan of contrasting colours.

Mounted Sleeves

He likes mounted sleeves, either worked round or square, and plain necklines. For more formal occasions, he uses diagonally cut jersey, with the straight ribbed band added at the waist.

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Sweater Styles From Paris

Paris. The fine Paris sweater this autumn, usually has mounted sleeves, a high neck and a dressmaker detail at collar, cuffs or pockets. The waist is normal, with ribbing starting at the waist rather than above it as in recent seasons. It either buttons at the top of the shoulders or has a slide fastener at back.

Plain but vivid colours are much in evidence and follow the couture lead. For afternoon, embroidery is important, and for evening wear, there is a lot of silver or gold lame, head mixed with black wool. The reversible cardigan which has been featured in contrasting colours is reportedly still popular.

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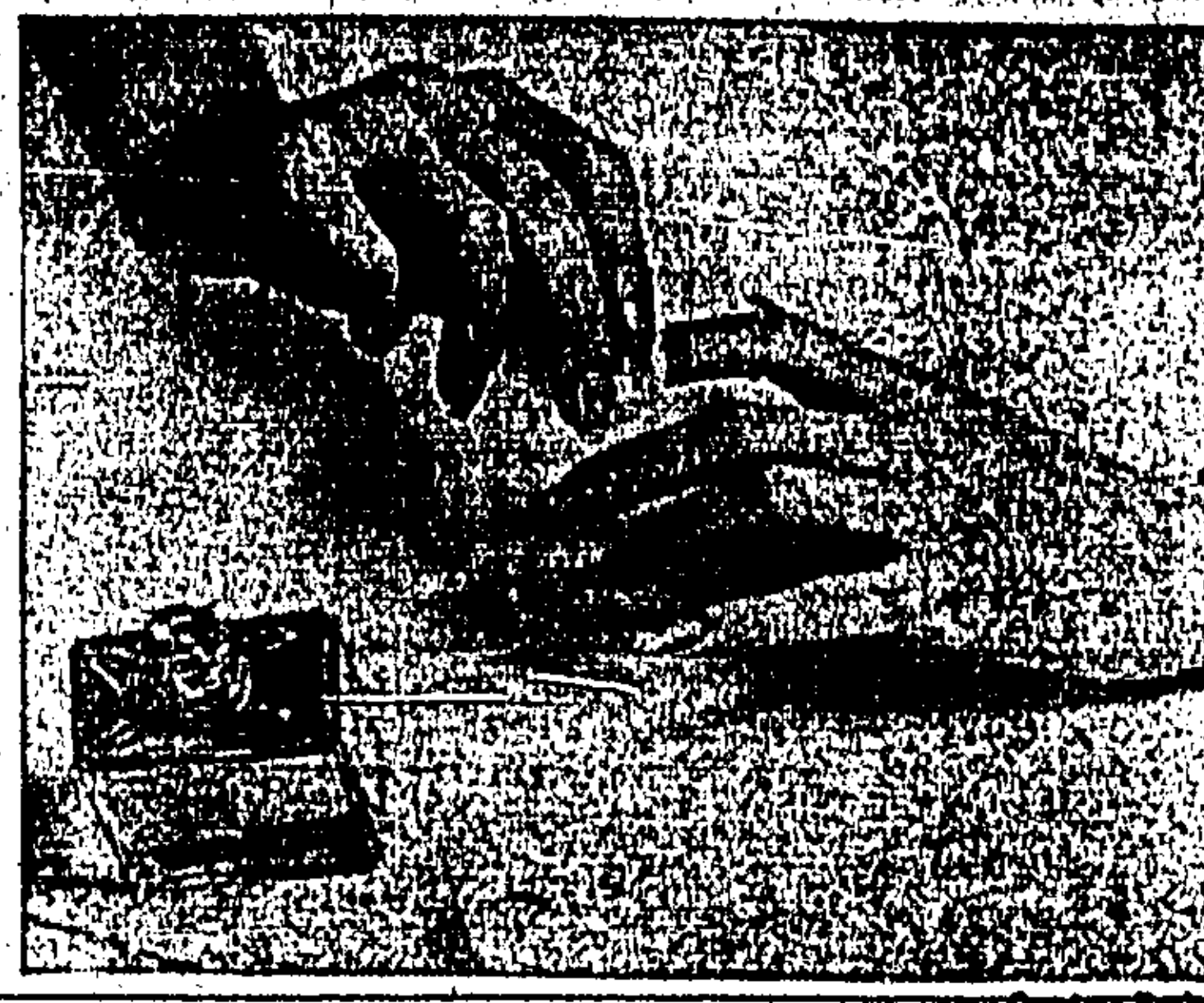
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Healthy Nails Are Pretty Ones



To keep your nails healthy it is important to remove every trace of old polish before applying a new coat. Then massage with cream.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SOME day, when you have removed your ruby nail polish, take a look at your nails. They are interesting, often signify health conditions, so the doctors say.

The nail substance is white and transparent. Because it is transparent, it takes on the colour of the underlying flesh. When these sheaths are rosy, it is proof that your blood streams are up and about their business. When they are pale it is a warning; you need more fresh air and exercise out of doors. Healthy nails are of delicate, fine texture, pink, shining and pliable.

Each one consists of four parts: the free edge, which picks up dust and must be kept scrupulously clean so no germs will lodge there; the body of the nail, the half moon or lunula, and the root that is hidden under the flesh.

From the root or matrix emerge tiny overlapping cells. If, when using your ornate wood stick, you injure the

matrix you are likely to have a nail that is deformed in some way or made unlovely with ridges, so be careful when giving yourself a manicure.

Your curial talons will be benefited, kept in form, by the free use of a cream. There are special cuticle creams, but the emollient you apply to your sacred complexion will serve.

The more friction you use when applying a lubricant, the better your nails will thrive, as massage tends to stimulate the blood streams and energises the surrounding shells.

To keep them in condition you will need a pair of curved, no-dip-point scissors for snipping off hangnails, a long flexible file of high grade steel, some orange wood sticks, some emery boards for finishing the shaping, a nail white pencil, polish and polish remover.

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PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



WALKING ADVERTISEMENTS—These grinning two-legged radio tubes provide something new in the advertising business in Berlin, Germany. They were used by a store to attract customers, but they seem to frighten the two youngsters who are running to mother. The well-paved streets offer a contrast to the continuing task of clearing the war-time rubble in the background.



FOR GLITTER—This tapered rhinestone clip gives emphasis to the modish slipping shoulder line. The triple-tiered pearl necklace with pendant drops of clustered rhinestones has matching drop earrings and bracelets.



EVERY BIT COUNTS—Spilled coal used to be left where it fell. But, with a nationwide coal strike making it more precious by the day, it's a different story.

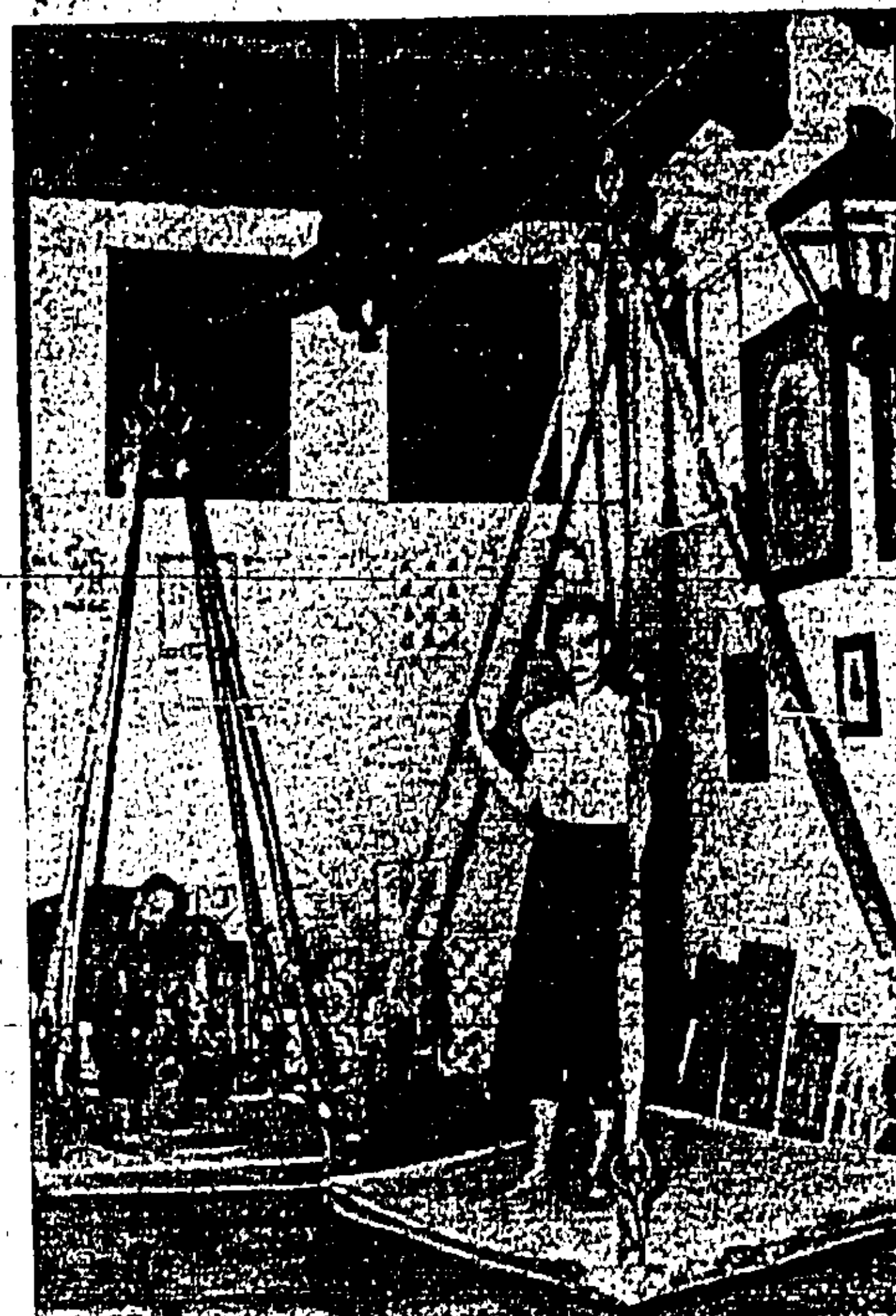
Workers saved part of the load which dropped from their truck.



WINTER PIN-UPS IN PARIS—A winter pin-up contest gets under way with the winner of the title, Evelyn Peyrol, centre, getting together with her two attendants, Nora Daura, left, and Simone Manceau, in the French capital. It will take a great deal of—well, talent to find successors to these title holders.



HE'S GOT A SNOOTFULL—Buster, a Boston terrier, got inquisitive about a porcupine in Mesa, Arizona, with disastrous results. Paul Denning, veterinarian assistant, removed the quills one by one but it was a long and painful procedure that will cause Buster to think twice before trying to make friends with another porky.



A WEIGHT FOR WITCHES—American tourist Marlon Meade is trying out the ancient witch scale in Oude-water, Holland. Preserved by town officials for 400 years, the measuring instrument was used on people suspected of witchcraft. If their weight was less than normal, they were considered light enough to fly on a broomstick and, thus convicted, they were then tortured to death.



A MEMBER OF THE PARTY—David K. Bruce, American Ambassador to France, hunts pheasant on the estate of President Vincent Auriol at Rambouillet, France. Bruce was one of the six ambassadors invited to the annual diplomat hunt held there.



A HELPING HAND—When a flash flood swept his car from the road near Belton, Missouri, Harold Collins, left, was forced to cling to a tree. He was rescued by Pete Shirk, centre, and Lloyd Craig. The debris in the branches indicates the height of the flood waters.



INTERNATIONAL TEA PARTY—Mrs. Carlos P. Romulo, wife of the UN General Assembly President, played hostess to 40 children, all four years old, who represented member nations of the UN, at a tea party at Lake Success, New York. Her guests here are, left to right, Arturo Fernandez of Ecuador; Evalina Correa of Chile; Master K. Nathur of India; and Rita Jimenez of the Philippines.



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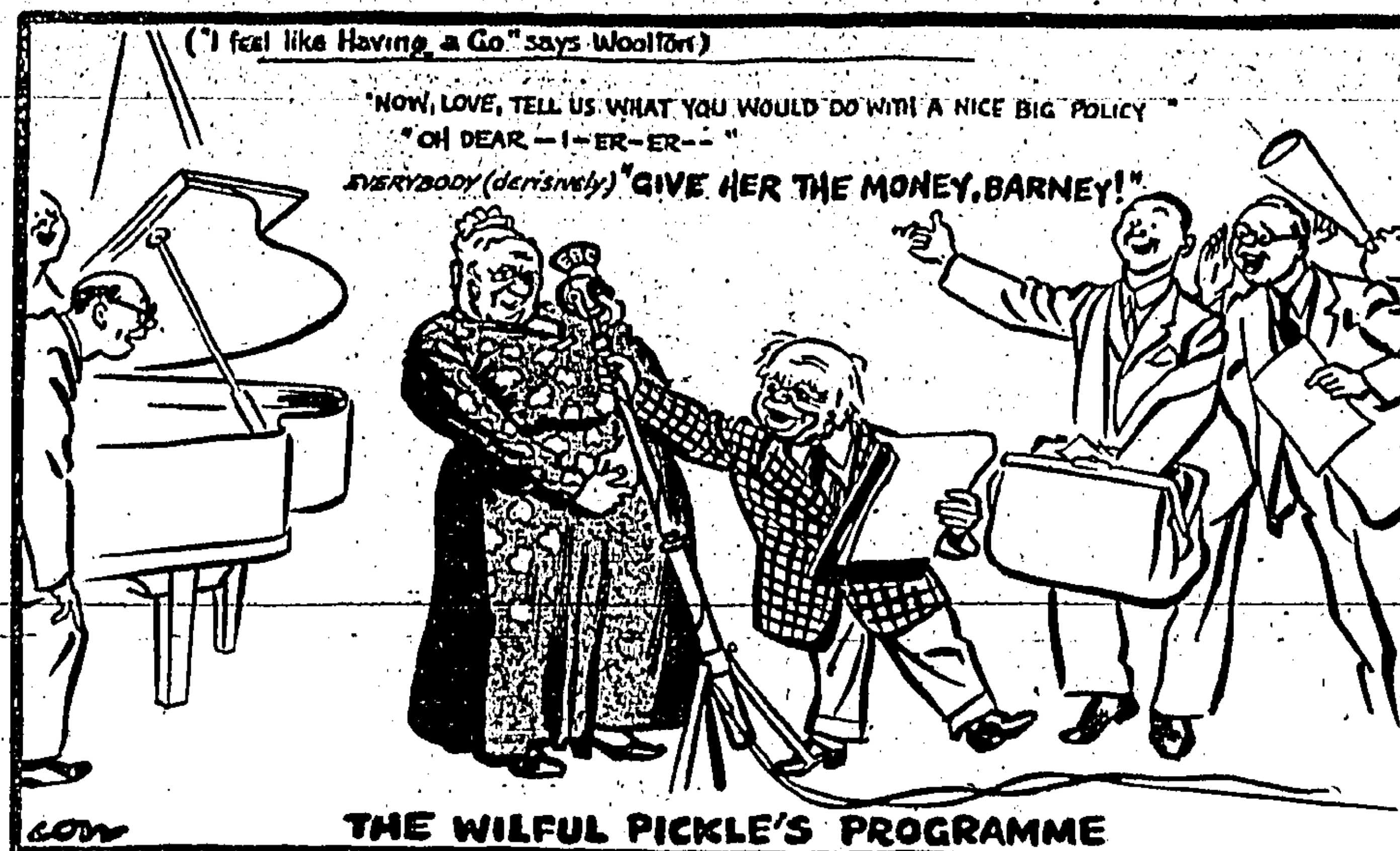
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DOCTORS DISCOVER AN INSOMNIA BOOM

THERE is a boom in insomnia—and the first to be affected are men and women who go to bed with a load of worry on their minds.

In that class comes Sir Stafford Cripps—and an increasing number of his taxpayers.

The consulting physician for one of Britain's largest industrial organisations said: "I find that since the war there has been a big jump in the demand for sedatives."

"Both men and women work on nights, which are not sleep at all. So they turn to drugs that will help them relax."

From the factory to the surgery. Another doctor said: "From what I have seen of my patients in the last year or two I am tempted to believe that 90 per cent. of the English-speaking world is living on drugs."

His view is not so far-fetched. Enough barbiturates, which are sedative drugs, are sold each year in the United States to send every man, woman, and child to sleep for a fortnight.

Commenting on this in the Medical World, a London surgeon and physician points out that even though these barbiturates are on the dangerous drugs list in Britain, too many are being consumed. "It is inevitable that the doctor shall be blamed, bullied, and cajoled to give prescriptions. It is inevitable that demand shall get satisfaction."

Beware—

DOCTORS see danger in the growing demand for drugs like pheno-barbitone. Healthy people have died after taking eight grains; sick patients from less.

A dose of one grain has an effect lasting up to 48 hours, making the jolter feel languid all next day. The next night he is tempted to take another dose in the hope that he will feel better in the morning.

Instead, he makes himself more drowsy, more forgetful, more confused. So doctors are trying to persuade sleepless patients to switch to less "mild" drugs. These have not had the nationwide publicity of police records, but cases that made lost pheno-barbitone tablets a household joke.

They are safer, lose their effect sooner, and are not habit-forming. ...CHAPMAN PINCHER submits this sketch of what he thinks is the best way to get a good night's rest. The body should be supported by the overlying knee and the top elbow should rest on the mattress. It does not matter which side you sleep on.

Whitehall is worried by insomnia. The Chancellor does not get to sleep easily these nights. His complaint—which is endured far beyond Cabinet-level—prompts this survey of the search for sleep . . .

by JAMES BARTLETT

If people suffering from insomnia cannot get a good night's sleep without drugs, how can they get it?

Nearly every sound sleeper has a theory. Some are logical, some are nonsense. Both may be workable. One man's dream is another's nightmare.

Experts seeking to beat insomnia provide these clues:—

They have found that natural sleep has regular rhythm. A man stands best chance of sleeping well if he takes advantage of this natural tendency—by having a regular bedtime.

(Late night sittings in the House, or urgent calls to Downing-street for example, ruin the idea for a man like Sir Stafford.)

Your bed . . .

THE bed itself can easily upset sleep. One firm in New York tests its customers on a special bed, and then makes up a mattress with the springs placed where they are needed.

For the man who is sleepless in Britain the experts say: The narrowest bed in which anyone should sleep is one that takes a mattress 30 inches wide.

Most single beds in use today are narrower than this. Coiled springs give 15 percent better rest than the horizontally stretched wires known as link springs.

It is wrong to tuck the bed-covers firmly under the mattress. Tight wrapping means that the body is kept tensely imprisoned with little chance to sprawl—and relax.

Reading in bed might relax the mind—but not more than a 25-watt bulb should be used if the light is clamped to the bed; the bulb should be frosted.

Changing the colour of the bedroom wall has often kept a sleepless patient out of the doctor's waiting-room. Blue and green have a quiet, soothing effect; red, yellow, and orange hues are exciting.

POSSIBLE TIP: A Government bulletin noted that glass painters using cobalt blue sometimes fall asleep before their easels.

Are these elementary tips? A West End doctor said: "They are too often overlooked by sufferers from insomnia, who think that sleep will come only if they swallow a tablet."

First, will-power

NAPOLEON was probably right when he said six hours sleep was enough for any man, seven for a woman, and eight for a fool.

When you are drowsing off, will-power is the first thing to go and the last to reappear. Hence the difficulty of getting up in the morning, no matter how strong your resolutions were on the previous night.

Reasoning power goes next. A person lightly asleep may hear and answer questions but the answers are rarely intelligent. Memory and imagination stay awake longer—so you dream.

Few of the organs get a complete rest. The heart, for example, makes about 2,500 million beats in a lifetime without a long rest.

Tick . . .

HERE is a trip which may save you changing the wallpaper: Concentrate on the tick of your wrist-watch, get the rhythm of the ticks, for rhythm brings sleep.

quotes

*CHURCHILL (in the war): "I always went to bed at least for one hour as early as possible in the afternoon and exploited to the full my happy gift of falling almost immediately into deep sleep. By this means I was able to press a day and a half's work into one. Nature had not intended mankind to work from eight in the morning until midnight without that refreshment of blessed oblivion which, even if it only lasts 20 minutes, is sufficient to renew all the vital forces."

NANCY

Undercover Girl

By Ernie Bushmiller



Equal Pay? The Women Won't Stop At That...

By W. J. BROWN, MP

SHOULD men and women get the same rate of pay? This question has agitated the trade union movement for many years. It was recently brought up again by the hearing before the Industrial Court of a claim for equal pay in the civil service.

The House of Commons has twice gone on record as favouring equal pay. On each occasion the Government of the day was beaten. But it is a rule of Parliament that decisions involving public expenditure must be initiated by the Government, and an expression of opinion by Parliament is not binding on the Government.

The Socialist Party is pledged by repeated decisions of its annual conference to the principle of equal pay. But successive Socialist Chancellors have nevertheless rejected the claim for equal pay in the public service on the ground of cost.

The Tory Party, in The Right Road for Britain, its policy statement committee itself not only to the principle of equal pay but to its application in the public service. It says: "We consider that there should be one rate for the job, provided that the services rendered by men and women are the same. The question of adopting this principle must be left to the machinery of collective bargaining. With this in mind the next Conservative Government will proceed with the application of the principle as it affects the Government Service."

There are two qualifications here. One is not sure how far the Right Road for Britain still holds good as Tory policy. Mr Butler has said that it stands, but Mr Churchill will make no promise except that he would act without fear or favour in the spirit of Dunkirk.

The second qualification is the Tory proviso that the "services rendered and the results achieved by men and women are the same."

What are the merits of the matter?

FOR my own part I have no illusions about the equality of men and women. I agree with Shaw that no man is a match for any woman, not even with a poker and hobnail boots. So we will dismiss theoretical considerations. What about the practical ones?

Many men hold that "equal service and equal results" are not the only criterion which should be applied. They point out that it is the man who normally has to furnish the home.

To this the women produce four answers. One is that in these days furnishing the home is usually a joint-operation, to which the woman contributes as much as the man. Next, family allowances and the feeding of school-children have done something to relieve the man of the financial cost of providing for his family.

Thirdly, they say, if there were anything in the argument about the man "normally having a family" why is it that the unmarried man, the confirmed bachelor, gets the same as his married colleague?

Fourthly, some women, even if they do not have children, nevertheless contribute to the support of others particularly to the support of ageing parents.

Seldom equal

WHAT about "equal services and results" as between men and women? The truth is that they are very seldom equal, both for physiological and psychological reasons.

If the job is a standing-up job, the woman is at an immediate disadvantage as compared with the man. Sit them both down, and much of that disadvantage disappears.

Then there is the incidence of sick leave which is somewhat higher with women than with men.

Then there are restrictions on the freedom with which women can be employed as compared with men. Climate imposes some, and the clock imposes others. Night work for women is avoided as much as possible.

Again, much depends on the nature of the work. On many jobs the woman is less permanently adapted to the work than the man. On others, notably routine and repetitive jobs (such as the operation of comptometers and the like) she seems to be better adapted than the man. In all work involving physical strength she is at an obvious disadvantage.

Many men, used, in days of unemployment, dishonestly to support Equal Pay as a means of ensuring that the employer would employ a man rather than a woman. But then, men were deceivers ever. The truth is that no generalisation is possible. Each different kind of work needs to be separately judged. The ratio of services and results? (Continued on Page 5)

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK.

A Federal Reserve Board, just published, says devaluation has not boosted sales here because too many exports in Britain had raised their prices and cancelled out advantages of the cheaper £.

Nonsense, replied some of New York's shops. Even one of the world's largest stores, Macy's, Britain's toughest critic in the past, said sales of British goods are booming.

Their best lines—linens, linens, glassware, china, some woollens. Other shops said their sales had doubled, and sometimes trebled in the past week or two.

BUSINESS.—Estimates are that by the year end the TV industry will be selling £350 million worth of sets a year—nearly £100 million above the best year for radio. Next year the TV men expect their sales will be nearer £200 million.

EXCUSE offered by Hollywood for a new crop of "Westerns" is that the "new-style Westerns" has "significance" whatever that means.

FOR SALE, 66 million tons of pork. But Washington cannot find a buyer for the surplus.

plus hogs it bought up to maintain the farmers' prices. And not only because of the dollar shortage. Britain refuses to buy because there is too much fat.

FOOD: Unless some way is found soon to recruit shepherds, the Department of Agriculture warns that mutton will become as rare as buffalo meat. There are only 32,000,000 head of sheep in the U.S. Eighty years ago, when the population was a quarter its present size, there were 40,000,000 head.

POTATOES already peeled will be sold by American green-grocers soon. Treated with a solution that is harmless, tasteless, and colourless, they are guaranteed not to discolour for a week. They will come in four grades—for boiling, mashing, frying, and sauteing.

THE BEST CHANCE our tea-saucer men have ever had to convert Americans from coffee is at hand. There is a coffee crisis in the U.S. The price is going up every day. By Christmas it may be 7s.

Any moment now, elevenpence will cost 1s instead of 6d. The trouble is that Americans drink so much coffee that they are

using up all that the coffee-producing countries can produce. Floods in some of these countries, droughts in others, have all but ruined this year's crop.

SHOW BUSINESS: Cecil B. De Mille's latest super epic, "Samson and Delilah," will be shown to groups of barbers . . . Paul Douglas, Hollywood's middle-aged sensation, is being groomed to succeed Clark Gable. . . . Leslie Banks back on Broadway for "Lost in the Stars," a musical with a message (treat Negroes as equal).

Gertrude Lawrence is having no trouble with Southern accent in her first Hollywood film, "The Glass Menagerie." Says she: "After all, it's just 17th-century Devonshire."

IT SERVICE will be paid to Harold Medina, the judge who presided over America's Communist trial, by the North Dakota town of Medina. By order of the mayor the citizens will start pronouncing it Medina, instead of Medegans, as a tribute "to a great American."

AVERAGE, yes average, weekly earnings of the American worker, says Washington, are now £19 17s 6d. That is the second highest on record.

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Australia's Ultimatum To Britain, India

10 DAYS TO DECIDE ON PURCHASE OF WHEAT

Sydney, Nov. 21.—Australia has given Britain and India 10 days to decide how much wheat they want from her under the International Wheat Agreement, Mr A. O'Neill, a member of the Australian Wheat Board, said here today. If they did not reply, their quotas might be cut.

N. Korean Captives



Capt. Alfred T. Meschter (top) and Albert E. Willis (bottom), two Americans from the cargo ship Kimball R. Smith, who are being detained by the Communist authorities in North Korea. America recently asked Russia to intervene to secure the men's release.—AP Picture.

Is There A Case For Equal Pay?

(Continued from page 4)

will prove to be different in almost every case.

But there are some areas in which the claim for equal pay is very strong. And many areas in which it is already operative. Doctors, lawyers, and many of the higher grades in the civil service already enjoy equal pay—or at least equal rates.

Perhaps the strongest case of all for equal pay is that of what are called the "common classes" of the civil service.

In these grades men and women enter by precisely the same examination. They sit side by side and do the same work. The incidence of sickness varies little between men and women. They are eligible for the same promotions. Where there is a "output average" it is the same for both sexes.

The teachers are very strong on equal pay—the women teachers, that is. Most men teachers are very sceptical about it, though their union supports it. The men hold that they have in fact more responsibility. I shall be a Parliamentary candidate at the next election and, therefore, nothing would induce me to pass judgment on this case.

To apply equal pay in the civil service would cost, said Mr Morrison the other day, ten millions a year. The claim now before the Industrial Court would cost three millions a year. The cost over the whole of industry is incalculable.

It would be out of order for me to speculate on the outcome of the present claim. But one thing is sure. The women won't be satisfied till they get as much as the men. And they won't be satisfied then.

For it is in the nature of women to demand all the benefits of equality plus all the advantages of equality. Bless them.

(London Express Service)

"Britain has procrastinated all along the line," Mr O'Neill declared. "She did it once before on a falling market."

The Australian Wheat Board will consider replies from the two countries at its next meeting in Melbourne on December 1.

Australia has already refused a request from Britain to sell wheat to her at considerably less than the maximum price under the Agreement.

"Australia will not be a party to price-cutting," Mr O'Neill said.

61m. BUSHELS

Australia was prepared to sell to Britain and India 61,000,000 bushels. She gave Britain the first offer of wheat about six weeks ago at 16s. 4d. (Australian)—just over 12s. 8d. Sterling—a bushel plus 3d. (Australian) about 2s. 4d. Sterling—carriage costs.

"All this we hear from Britain about the price being too high is just nonsense," Mr O'Neill stated. "They hope to break the price by drawing buyers from Australia with high-price talk."

"Britain knew very well what devaluation would do to prices. The price of 16s. 4d. (Australian)—about 13s. 0s. 4d. Sterling—is the Agreement price and other countries could naturally complain if we broke it down for Britain or India."

Other countries might get the British and Indian quotas if the Australian Wheat Board heard nothing from the two countries by December 1, Mr O'Neill warned.

FOR JAPAN?

"We have shipping agreements for our wheat and cannot wait longer than 10 days before we know," he said. "We have plenty of countries wanting our wheat at 16s. 4d. (Australian) including Holland, China, Israel, Norway, South Africa and New Zealand," he added.

Japan also wanted Australian wheat "and she will take all we can give" at a higher price, Mr O'Neill further said.

The Sydney Herald's Canberra correspondent today quoted a Department of Commerce spokesman as saying that as far as he knew the Australian Government had not received any official complaint from either the British or Indian Governments on wheat prices.

The Indian High Commissioner, Lieutenant-Colonel Bodi, said that India had not yet made any official protest—Reuters.

UK SURPRISE

London, Nov. 21.—Grain traders here were surprised at the news from Sydney today that Australia had rejected the price offered by Britain for her quota of Australian wheat under the International Wheat Agreement.

The statement by Mr O'Neill, the first news they had received, that the offer had been rejected, traders said.

They understood that the Food Ministry's offer was below the maximum Australian price of 16s. 4d. (Australian) plus 3d. (Australian) carriage costs.

(totalling about 13s. 0s. 4d.—Sterling). But it was "so close that they thought it would have been acceptable."

NO COMMENT

No importing country was bound to pay the maximum price under the Agreement, these quarters said. If the offer was not the maximum price an exporting country could refuse to sell or the two countries could strike a bargain.

It was presumed in these quarters that Britain's offer to Australia was not made in any "take it or leave it" spirit.

The Food Ministry declined to make any comment on Mr O'Neill's statement.

"The annual talks between the two countries have just begun and in these circumstances no comment by us is possible," a Ministry spokesman said.—Reuters.

SYDNEY NEWSPAPER ON "EXTORTION"

Sydney, Nov. 21.—The Sydney Morning Herald said in an editorial today that it would be "downright extortion" if Australia held Britain to the letter of the International Wheat Agreement.

If the Commonwealth's professions of sympathy with the British people had any meaning it would surely be willing to supply Britain with wheat at a reasonable price, the newspaper wrote.

Instead, the Government was "content to let devaluation of our currency push up the charge by 44 percent in exchange for a favourable reaction from the wheat-growing districts on December 10 (polling day). The newspaper maintained.—Reuters.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Hongkong Calling—Programme Summary: 0.02, "It's Swingtime"—(Super Rhythm Series); 0.30, "Cantonese by Radio"—Given by Miss Lee Wai-lan & S. K. Lee (Studio); 0.50, Eugene Wolff and His Orchestra; 7. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, American Letter by Alister Cooke (Beijing from London Recorded); 7.30, "Stage and Screen Favourites"—Presented by Alister Cooke (Studio); 8. "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, "Box 200"—Hert Gillette at the "Hansard" (London Relay); 8.20, "The Blue Danube" (Episodes); 8.30, "The Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries" a Music Cavalcade of 19th Century Europe; 8.40, "Twenty Questions"—Intelligence Corps (Team); Question Master: Sgt John Baker (Studio); 9.30, London Studio Melodee, Geraldine and His Orchestra with Eve Becks & Archie Lewis (Vocal); 10.00, Radio Newmarket (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, Grand Hotel Albert Bandier & The Palm Court Orchestra with Tano Feren-dino (Tenor); 10.45, Dance to Rhythm Winslow and His Band; 11.15, Weather Report and World News & Home News from Britain (London Relay); 11.30, Close down.

Troopship Arrives

The troopship Devonshire arrived from the United Kingdom this morning and berthed at Kowloon Wharf. She brought 500 replacements for troops who are due to go home.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Sometime and he's talking about getting married— isn't that boy ever going to grow up?"

"It Won't Hurt A Bit"



Dr William R. Mann, of the University of Michigan (USA), demonstrates a substitute for the dental drill, which, he claims, almost eliminates pain and discomfort in preparing a tooth for filling. Aluminium oxide is mixed with a stream of carbon dioxide to create the abrasive action, and a tube connected to a suction chamber pulls the mixture and dentil debris from the patient's mouth.—AP Picture.

S. Africa Resents UN Attitude On Trusteeship PI DELEGATION'S "PROPAGANDA"

Lake Success, Nov. 21.—South Africa told the United Nations today that it resented the attempts made in the Trusteeship Committee discussions on South-West Africa last Friday to bring in unrelated matters "concerning the Union's domestic affairs."

Mr G. P. Jooste, the South African delegate, when the Committee resumed today, charged the Philippines delegation with "having utilised propaganda material in the effort."

Mr Jooste complained particularly of the use made of a statement which Mr E. H. Louw, the South African Minister of Economic Affairs, was alleged to have made on his return to South Africa from a Paris meeting.

This statement, Mr Jooste said, was "afterwards distorted in the Union for political purposes."

Mr Jooste said that South-West Africa's mandate specifically empowered the Union Government to administer the territory as an integral part of South Africa. The desirability of such an arrangement was seriously considered by the Union Government as far back as 1919-20.

To, proposal, which came from South-West Africa, would have enabled representation to South-West Africa in the Union Parliament, but would have left the territory with far less local autonomy than that provided under the present arrangement.

Mr Jooste said an Act of the South African Parliament gave the territory "a higher status than it had ever had before."

"The territory will have wider powers of self-government through its own representative institutions than any province," he added.

Outside the police zone more than half the indigenous people ruled themselves under the guidance of one or two European Commissioners.

Mr Jooste described the steps by which they were "in fact giving the inhabitants a very considerable degree of local autonomy and experience in self-government."

"How then can it be said that the indigenous peoples have no say in their own affairs? Surely one must walk before one can run."

With four seats in the Senate and six in the House of Assembly, the territory was being accorded greater representation in the Union Parliament than it would have been entitled to had it been incorporated in the Union.

FRENCH VIEW
M. Roger Garreau, of France, said that the United Nations Charter made it "absolutely clear that the placing of mandated territories under United Nations trusteeship was optional."

That could not be done without the consent of the mandatory powers.

"We all had the choice, of either accepting or rejecting the trusteeship system," he added.

The new provisions of the trusteeship system, if accepted by the Union Government, would have had an embar-

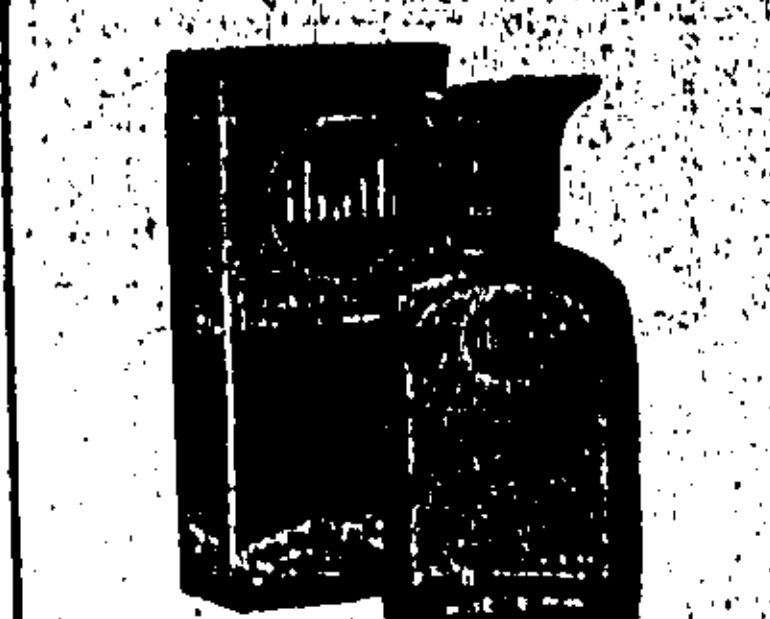
Cartels Threaten European Free Trade Movement

New York, Nov. 21.—The Geneva correspondent of the New York Times, Michael Hoffman, said in a despatch today that the movement towards freer trade in Europe, which had gained considerable momentum, was already in danger of foundering on the rock of cartels.

The latest and most important move had been made by German and French steel interests, which had been having discussions with the knowledge of the French High Commissioner in Germany, M. Andre Francois Poncet, the writer said.

United States trade experts believed that a great deal of the warmth with which the Franco-German rapprochement had been handled in Right-Wing circles of both countries was a reflection of powerful pressure from interests seeking to establish a French, German, Belgian and Luxembourg steel cartel before the industry lost the protection of Government trade controls and before the Ruhr Authority became effective.

Mr Hoffman wrote that both the French and Italian Govern-



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privileges necessary for the proper conduct of their duties. "Although Consuls do not have diplomatic immunity, it has been the universal practice, because of the public and official character of their duties, to permit them and their staff freedom of movement, and in the event that any criminal charge is made, to permit them to remain at liberty on proper arrangements for bail, with unlimited freedom to communicate with their governments with respect to official business.

DIRECT VIOLATION

"The treatment accorded to Mr Ward and to the American Consular staff in Mukden is to direct violation of the basic concepts of international relations which have been developed throughout the centuries. As such, it is of direct and immediate concern to all countries interested in diplomatic intercourse, particularly to those with missions or consulates in China.

"I ask you, as a matter of urgency, to express to the highest Chinese authorities the deepest concern of the American Consular staff in Mukden who have been arbitrarily deprived of their freedom for one year."

Mr Acheson said at the outset that, since late November 1948, the entire U.S. Consulate staff, which numbers 13, had been detained under house arrest; at Mukden. Mr Ward and the four others were gaoled on October 23.

THOSE ADDRESSED

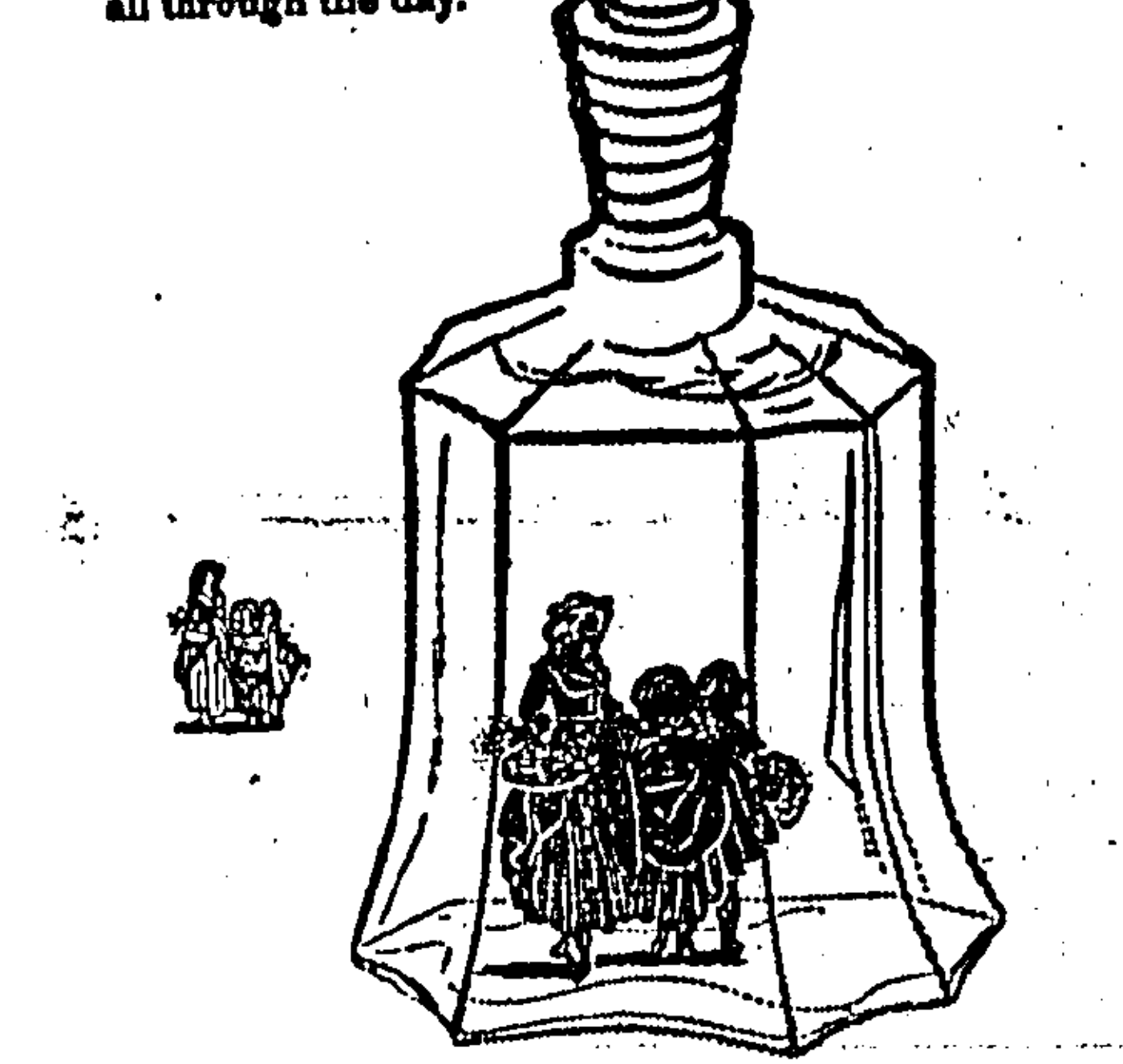
Besides Russia, the appeal went to the Foreign Ministers of Communist-run Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Poland. It went also to the non-Communist governments of Turkey, Greece, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Egypt, Australia, Venezuela, Denmark, Cuba, the Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, Britain, the Philippines, Mexico, India, Norway, Canada, Iran, Iran, France, Burma, Italy, Sweden and Austria.

Two of the four staff members held with Mr Ward are Americans. They are Ralph Rehberg, a foreign secretary, and Shiro Tatum, an American mechanic.

The other two are European employees of the Consulate—Franco Clogna and Alfred Kristan.—Associated Press.

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War Hero Film Star Has Plans

Hollywood, Nov. 21.—Audie Murphy's film career appears to be progressing despite his marital troubles. He is going ahead with plans to film his war experiences on the screen. Murphy, who is going ahead with plans to film his war experiences on the screen. Murphy, who is going ahead with plans to film his war experiences on the screen.

TWO WEEKS IN BRITAIN FOR US\$500

London, Nov. 21.—Mr John G. Bridges, tourist director, said today that Britain must aim at offering America's middle-income visitors a two weeks' vacation for US\$500, including return air travel.

Just back from a six-week tour of America, during which he covered 15,000 miles, Mr Bridges, director-general of the British Travel Association, said at a press conference that the tens of thousands of middle-income Americans with a two-week holiday represented "a vast, almost untapped market" for Britain.

The people he meant were the professional men, business executives, farmers and skilled workers.

The average American traveller was not a millionaire. He was not looking for luxury hotels but clean, comfortable accommodation at reasonable cost.

IMMEDIATE PROBLEM

Mr Bridges had this to say about his "two weeks for US\$500" plan: "This won't be achieved overnight, but it is a goal to which we must work. In the meantime, machinery has been set in motion in our New York office to step up our promotional efforts aimed at encouraging more middle-income Americans to visit us."

The immediate problem was to get dollar spenders to visit Britain in the spring and autumn, when transport and accommodation were more readily available, and then to stay longer and spend more.

He said that 170,000 Americans were expected to visit Britain in 1950—32,000 more than this year. They would spend US\$75,000,000 in "the biggest tourist year Britain has ever experienced"—Reuter.

ROUTINE MEETING

Washington, Nov. 21.—The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr George McGhee, left Washington today for Istanbul to preside over a meeting of United States diplomats in the Middle East.

He was to fly to New York and from there go by a commercial airline to Athens, on his way to Turkey.

The Assistant Secretary is to confer with the American Ambassadors from Egypt, Greece, Persia, Turkey, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, and the American Ministers from Syria, Lebanon and Hashemite Jordan.

The State Department, announcing the conference, called it "one of a routine series of meetings with the chiefs of missions in various parts of the world."—Reuter.

WEST EUROPEAN ARMY INCLUDING GERMANS URGED

Boston, Nov. 21.—General Lucius D. Clay, postwar United States commander in Germany, recommended today a Western European army to which Germany could contribute limited forces.

Here to launch a fund-raising campaign for an arthritis and rheumatism foundation, General Clay cautioned that a composite army should not be forced on Western Europe by the United States.

He told newsmen: "I would hope such a combined force might be created if the nations of Western Europe ever become united and integrated. However, it is a problem that must be worked out by the nations themselves."

General Clay said the Allied armies which functioned so well during the war proved that integration of armed forces could be carried out successfully.

He indicated that Germany's part in the programme should be limited to one military arm of war, such as infantry troops. He said without an air force or other supporting arms Germany could not itself face war.

PEACE ASSURANCE

General Clay said: "The United States should remain on the scene until Western Europe is strong and equipped to defend itself."

He added that "in terms of manpower" Western Europe could provide armed forces numbering not much less than those of any possible opponent.

The general did not directly name the "possible opponent." "Our military assistance programme of aid to nations of Western Europe is urgently important until these countries are armed and equipped," General Clay said. "When they are, peace can be assured."

He said the balance of power in Europe was a stronger guarantee of peace than any other factor.

He said: "I do not believe the United Nations can function well until that balance of power is achieved. That does not mean we should abandon the United Nations. It should be an extremely effective body when Western Europe is able to defend itself."

CHEAP INSURANCE

The general was emphatic in stating the United States policy against an effective foreign policy. "If we remain bi-partisan on that foreign policy we cannot lose," he said. "It is cheap insurance. I do not think we are going to have a war, but we have a good many years of tension ahead of us before we can feel secure."

General Clay said the world felt less secure since it learned that Russia had the atomic bomb.—United Press.

Listened To Allied Radio

Hamburg, Nov. 21.—General Johann Einnhuber today told the court trying Field Marshal Von Manstein that he had been deprived of his command in France in 1944 for listening to the Allied radio.

He said that in the Crimea he commanded the 28th Infantry Division in Manstein's 11th Army.

He was asked whether he knew of a Russian allegation that 7,000 Jews had been shot in Kerch.

He said it was strictly forbidden for anybody at the front to listen to the radio.—Reuter.

Shinwell Duo In Tripoli

Tripoli, Nov. 21.—Mr Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary of State for War, is due to arrive in Tripoli by air tomorrow for a two-day visit to the 1st Infantry Division.—Associated Press.

MONTY NOT INFORMATIVE IN AMERICA

New York, Nov. 21.—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Western Union defence chief, told reporters here today that he did not know how long it would take Russian forces—if war broke out—to reach France.

A reporter had asked him whether the Soviets would take two days or two weeks to reach France. Field Marshal Montgomery smiled and replied: "Would it take two months or two years? I do not know."

The defence chief, who arrived here aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth today, said he would have "something to say about the atom bomb in Washington tomorrow" when he speaks to the National Press Club.

Correspondents, who showered him with questions, complained to him of the "evasiveness" of his answers and said that Mr Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Party, and Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, were "a little more informative" when they came to New York.

SNAPS BACK

"But they are politicians," Field Marshal Montgomery snapped back. "I am a soldier."

Asked whether as Western Union defence chairman he was satisfied with the number of troops at his disposal, Field Marshal Montgomery said: "No soldier is ever satisfied with the number of troops he has."

To another question, he replied: "I shall confer with all sorts of military officials when I get to Washington."

One reporter asked how many American troops he hoped to have in Western Europe. "I—"

"That is entirely a matter for America," he replied.

Field Marshal Montgomery has come here to speak at the English-speaking Union banquet.

He said he will stay in the United States for about a fortnight.—Reuter.

HE STARVED TO DEATH

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Relatives of a 55-year-old organ grinder who starved to death were being sought today so that his estimated \$9,200 estate could be turned over to them.

The hurdy-gurdy man, William Fontana, was discovered in his bed 30 days ago, half-dead from malnutrition. Physicians at Cook County Hospital were unable to save his life.

Jack Rubens, chief investigator for the public administrator, found a bank book showing a \$1,200 deposit at the local bank.

Further inquiries turned up neighbors who said Fontana was their landlord. They said Fontana never spent money if he could avoid it.

Ruben today sought the family to turn over Fontana's \$1,200 bank account, his boarding house, estimated at \$8,000, and one sad-eyed little monkey who waited for a new master at the Anti-Cruelty Society.—United Press.

KARENS SAID THROWN OUT

Rangoon, Nov. 21.—Government forces claimed today they have routed Karen rebels from Shwemaneaw, delta village in Burma's rice-rich delta, after week-end fighting in which the village changed hands twice.

The communiqué said some 800 Karens made a two-pronged attack on the village, which lies 18 miles from the rice trading centre of Maublin, and raised the rebel flag in the market place.

Government reinforcements were rushed in, the communiqué added, and seven hours later the Karens were thrown out.—Associated Press.

"The Lion Of Judah"



Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and his Empress sit in state on their thrones during coronation in Addis Ababa, the country's capital, of the 19th anniversary of his coronation.—(AP Picture).

FAO CHIEF SETS GOAL AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Washington, Nov. 21.—A world in which "no man need go hungry, or ill clad, or without a home" was the goal held up today to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

The goal was pictured by Norris E. Dodd, Director-General of the FAO, at the opening of its annual conference. Representatives of 48 nations are here to tackle the job of how to increase food production in some countries and how to handle unmarketable surpluses in others.

Mr Dodd is a former Under-Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He said:

"In respect of the state of food and agriculture, 1949 has been, in general, what farmers call a good year, even if not quite as good in total as 1948."

"Food scarcity is no longer perilous for nearly the whole world, as it was in 1947. For more than half the world, however, the old chronic undernourishment continues, and hunger is scarcely one meal away from millions. For the world as a whole, food supplies are not as good as before the war."

FOOD BANK

Mr Dodd thus summed up an FAO report issued over the week-end, which said harvests in the northern hemisphere have turned the tide against world starvation. The report added that production still is behind world needs.

The Director-General mentioned only briefly in his opening talk the proposal to get up a world bank, or clearing house, as a means of getting surpluses from one area into another area where food is scarce.

He said "perfection is not claimed" for recommendations as to how to meet world food needs, and added:

"But the world would long ago have starved if farmers had waited for perfect seeds, tools, and climate. Let us, like practical men, begin with what is good enough, and improve it in practice."

He said there are two great needs confronting governments and their people:

GREAT NEED

"One of these great needs is to put forward as fast as possible toward economic

Denies Tito Romance

New York, Nov. 21.—Elvira Milonov, the attractive, blonde Yugoslav opera singer who arrived here today on a concert tour, emphatically denied Soviet reports of a romance between herself and Marshal Tito.

"The whole thing is ridiculous. It is nothing but a Russian trick," she told reporters.

Mrs Milonov said today that she had not seen Marshal Tito since May. She had seen him only three or four times "at official parties" where she sang. She had received no gifts from him.

"Everything I have I bought," she added. Mrs Milonov said that her husband, whom she married in Washington in 1947, was a former Yugoslav general, and is now an architect in the employ of the Yugoslav Government.—Reuter.

Warning By Calwell's Opponent

Melbourne, Nov. 21.—Dr G. I. McLaren—Immigration Minister Arthur Calwell's opponent in the coming election—warns that if Australia persists in her present "isolationist policy," he can imagine the day "when we will be poor white relations, looked down on by our rich and powerful Oriental neighbours."

McLaren, born in Japan and with 30 years experience in the Far East, expressed his opinion in an open letter addressed to women of Victoria in the Melbourne Argus.

He announced he will stand on the sole issue of immigration and contemplates a "grand national attack on race and colour prejudices" in his campaign for a seat in federal parliament.

McLaren says he will bring his point of view to the women and will talk to them on the subject. "Why not marry a Chinese?"

DIFFERENT LEVELS

"I believe there is no biological reason against such marriage, though I am well aware of the many practical difficulties that arise from the different cultural and economic levels at present attained by our own and other Asian races."

"I have picked out the Chinese, but my question is of universal applicability. The point of view of other races is often completely different from the taken-for-granted prejudice of the Anglo-Saxon."

"What is really needed on the part of Australians is a change of heart in their prejudices and a mending of their manners."

"The Orient of today is not the Orient of the Australian imagination. A new literacy, a new status for women, a new feeling for democracy and rapidly rising economic and educational standards are fitting the Orient to meet with the West on equal terms in all these particulars," he said.—United Press.

Gen. Smuts In London

London, Nov. 21.—General Jan Christian Smuts, former South African Premier, arrived by plane today for a dinner honouring the Israeli President, Dr Chaim Weizmann.

Gen. Smuts said his visit has no political significance. He will be the guest of honour tomorrow night at a dinner in London marking Dr Weizmann's 75th birthday.—Associated Press.

Inquiry Demanded Into East Africa Groundnuts Scheme

London, Nov. 21.—Many British newspapers started a chorus today supporting the Opposition demand for an impartial inquiry into the Government's East African groundnuts scheme.

The Times said in an editorial that such an investigation might be useful in reviewing technical questions, but feared that "It could all too easily churn over again too much barren ground."

"The duty of the Government today is to confess past mistakes, to recognise the personal responsibility for them, and to give guarantees that the undertaking will be properly and prudently handled in the future," the article concluded.

"First among those guarantees must be not only new policies but also a change in the men most of all responsible for carrying them out."

The Manchester Guardian said that in default of an impartial investigation, controversy on the scheme would continue. The main task of an inquiry should be to put on record the lessons learned from the East African setbacks, important though the disentangling of personal responsibilities might be.

"The Financial Times" said: "An inquiry is imperative."

"The Daily Telegraph" said that public confidence was in question, and an inquiry was called for "not only for the probing of past errors but primarily to establish guarantees for the future."

"The New Chronicle" thought it would be "very difficult" for the Minister to refuse an inquiry after the dismissals of Corporation officials.

STRACHEY REJECTS

London, Nov. 21.—The Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, today defended the £23,000,000 Government-sponsored East African groundnuts scheme designed to increase the world supply of oil and fats.

Speaking in a House of Commons debate on the scheme, Mr Strachey said: "We undertook this scheme because we and the world needed oils and fats urgently and we and the world still need oils and fats most urgently."

He said that in a few years it would not be necessary to review the position in the light of the existing degree of urgency of Britain's and the world's needs for oils and fats. Mr Strachey rejected an Opposition demand for an inquiry into the groundnut scheme.—Reuter.

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U.S. Bulletin Confiscated In Prague

Prague, Nov. 21.—The Czechoslovak authorities announced today that the daily news bulletin of the United States Embassy in Prague was confiscated on November 10 because it referred to "full freedom for the peaceful expression of the political opposition."

The Prague District Criminal Court, sitting as a Press Court, judged the phrase capable of interpretation as "aimed at a menace to the security of the state and public order."

The words occurred in the bulletin's text of an Anglo-American resolution of the essentials of peace presented in the United Nations Political Committee.

Confiscation of this Czech language bulletin, which issues mainly official news from Lake Success and the U.S. State Department, was so frequent as to be practically routine, a United States Embassy spokesman commented.—Reuter.

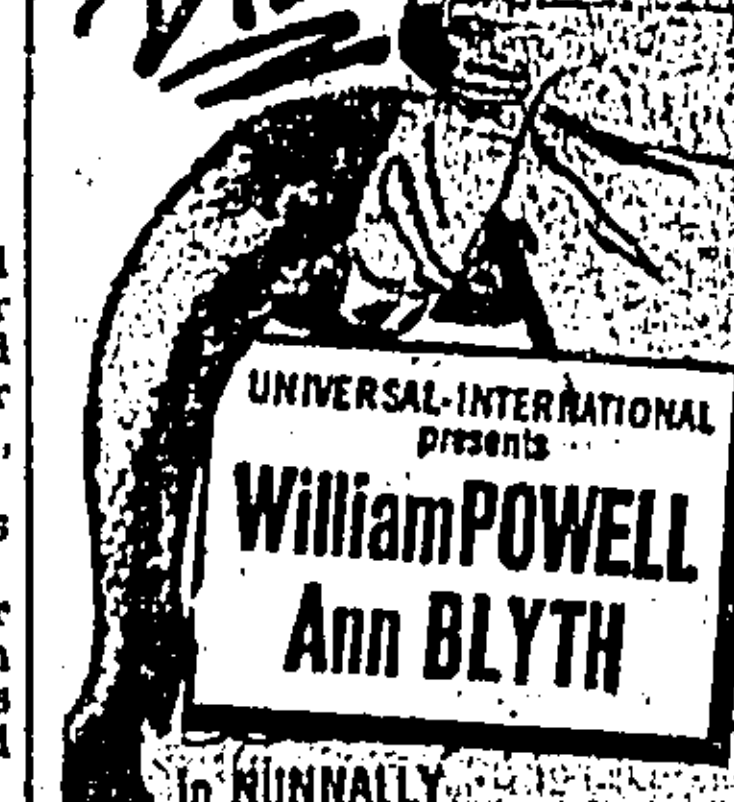
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